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**BEFORE THE DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OF THE STATE OF UTAH**

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF)	AMENDED
NATHAN WILLIAM PEHRSON)	SURRENDER STIPULATION
UTAH LICENSE #8223802-3102)	AND ORDER
TO PRACTICE AS A)	
REGISTERED NURSE)	Case No. DOPL 2021-239
IN THE STATE OF UTAH)	

NATHAN WILLIAM PEHRSON ("Respondent") and the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing of the Department of Commerce of the State of Utah ("Division") stipulate and agree as follows:

1. Respondent admits the jurisdiction of the Division over Respondent and over the subject matter of this action.
2. Respondent acknowledges that Respondent enters into this Stipulation knowingly and voluntarily.
3. Respondent understands that Respondent has the right to be represented by counsel in this matter and Respondent's signature below signifies that Respondent has either consulted with an

attorney or Respondent waives Respondent's right to counsel in this matter.

4. Respondent understands that Respondent is entitled to a hearing before the State of Utah's Board of Nursing ("Board"), or other Division Presiding Officer, at which time Respondent may present evidence on Respondent's own behalf, call witnesses, and confront adverse witnesses. Respondent understands that by signing this document Respondent hereby knowingly and intelligently waives the right to a hearing, the right to call witnesses on Respondent's own behalf, the right to call witnesses, the right to confront adverse witnesses, and any other rights to which Respondent may be entitled in connection with said hearing. Respondent understands that by signing this document Respondent hereby knowingly and intelligently waives the right to all administrative and judicial review as set forth in Utah Code Ann. §§ 63G-4-301 through 63G-4-405, and Utah Administrative Code R151-4-901 through R151-4-907. Respondent and the Division hereby express their intent that this matter be resolved expeditiously through stipulation as contemplated in Utah Code Ann. § 63G-4-102(4).

5. Respondent waives the right to the issuance of a Petition and a Notice of Agency Action in this matter.

6. Respondent understands that this Stipulation and Order, if adopted by the Director of the Division, will be classified as a public document. The Division may release this Stipulation and Order, and will release other information about this disciplinary action against Respondent's license, to other persons and entities.

7. Respondent admits the following facts are true:

- a. On or about March 20, 2012, Respondent was first licensed to practice as a registered nurse in the State of Utah.

- b. In April 2018 Respondent was dismissed from his position as a registered nurse based upon allegations of diverting quantities of hydromorphone contained in a Utah hospital's drug stock.
- c. On or about January 9, 2019, Respondent was charged with one count of tampering with consumer products, one count of fraudulently obtaining a controlled substance, and one count of making a false statement to a US agency, in United States District Court, District of Utah, Central Division.
- d. On February 27, 2019, the Division issued an Emergency Order limiting Respondent's practice as a registered nurse by ordering that Respondent, "while working at any health facility, shall not handle, or work in close proximity to, any controlled substance," and that Respondent shall provide a copy of the Emergency Order to any "employer, supervisor, or manager of Respondent."
- e. On or about July 22, 2021, Respondent was tried and convicted by a jury in the United States District Court, District of Utah, Central Division on all three criminal counts described above.

8. Respondent, while neither admitting nor denying the findings of fact above, agrees that the findings of fact made above constitute unprofessional conduct as defined in Utah Code Ann. § 58-1-501(2)(a), (b), and (c); and Utah Code Ann. § 58-31b-502(e) and (f); and that said conduct justifies disciplinary action against Respondent's license pursuant to Utah Code Ann. § 58-1-401(2)(a). Respondent hereby surrenders Respondent's license to practice as a registered nurse in the State of Utah along with all residual rights pertaining to said license. Respondent agrees not to reapply for licensure as any type of nurse in the State of Utah until three years has elapsed from the effective date of this Stipulation and Order. The Division does not guarantee that any future application by Respondent for licensure will be granted. If the Division Director accepts the terms of this Stipulation and Order, Respondent forfeits all rights to practice as a nurse in the State of Utah. Respondent understands that Respondent will not receive any refund of license or renewal fees previously paid to the Division.

9. This Stipulation and Order, upon approval by the Director of the Division, shall be the final compromise and settlement of this non-criminal administrative matter. Respondent acknowledges that the Director is not required to accept the terms of this Stipulation and Order and that if the Director does not do so, this Stipulation and the representations contained therein shall be null and void, except that the Division and Respondent waive any claim of bias or prejudgment they might otherwise have with regard to the Director by virtue of his having reviewed this Stipulation, and this waiver shall survive such nullification.

10. This document constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes and cancels any and all prior negotiations, representations, understandings or agreements between the parties regarding the subject of this Stipulation and Order. There are no verbal agreements that modify, interpret, construe or affect this Stipulation.

11. If Respondent violates any term or condition of this Stipulation and Order, the Division may take action against Respondent, including imposing appropriate sanction, in the manner provided by law.


12. Respondent understands that the disciplinary action taken by the Division in this Stipulation and Order may adversely affect any license that Respondent may possess in another state or any application for licensure Respondent may submit in another state.

13. Respondent understands and agrees that if Respondent has been issued an Order by the Division to pay an administrative penalty or a fine, and Respondent has not paid the administrative penalty or fine in full at the time this Stipulation and Order becomes effective, then Respondent may not reapply for licensure in the State of Utah, in any profession or occupation, until Respondent has paid the administrative penalty or fine in full. Respondent understands and agrees

administrative penalty or fine in full at the time this Stipulation and Order becomes effective, then Respondent may not reapply for licensure in the State of Utah, in any profession or occupation, until Respondent has paid the administrative penalty or fine in full. Respondent understands and agrees that any application for licensure submitted by Respondent shall be denied for the reason of failure to pay an administrative penalty or fine by the Division until Respondent has paid the administrative penalty or fine in full. The Division may also deny the license for any other lawful reason. Respondent understands and agrees that this surrender of Respondent's license(s) does not extinguish any obligation Respondent has to pay any administrative penalty or fine previously ordered by the Division.

14. Respondent has read each and every paragraph contained in this Stipulation and Order. Respondent understands each and every paragraph contained in this Stipulation and Order. Respondent has no questions about any paragraph or provision contained in this Stipulation and Order.

DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL &
PROFESSIONAL LICENSING

BY: 
JEFFREY BUSJAHN
Bureau Manager

DATE: 8-23-2021

RESPONDENT

BY: 
NATHAN WILLIAM PEHRSON

DATE: 8/22/2021

SEAN D. REYES
UTAH ATTORNEY GENERAL

BY: Valerie M. Wilde
VALERIE M. WILDE
Counsel for the Division

DATE: 8/23/2021

ORDER

THE ABOVE STIPULATION, in the matter of **NATHAN WILLIAM PEHRSON**, is hereby approved by the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing, and constitutes my Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in this matter. The terms and conditions of the Stipulation are incorporated herein and constitute my final Order in this case.

DATED this 24th day of August, 2021.

DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL AND
PROFESSIONAL LICENSING


MARK B. STEINAGEL
Director

Investigator: Dan Briggs